

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A cigar and cigarette burn resistant gaming table cloth which resists decomposition by burn and char formation by a lit cigarette or cigar for at least three minutes during direct contact exposure to the lit end of the cigar or cigarette comprising a layer of fire retardant treated knit polyester fabric laminated to a thin sheet of aluminum, said aluminum having a thickness of about 0.0005 - 1.5 mils, and said aluminum sheet laminated to a backing layer of synthetic fabric, said aluminum acting as a heat sink and preventing decomposition by burn and char formation on the cloth for at least three minutes.
2. A burn resistant gaming table cloth as claimed in claim 1 including an intermediate layers of adhesive between the knit layer and said aluminum sheet.
3. A burn resistant gaming table cloth as claimed in claim 2 including an intermediate layer of adhesive between said aluminum sheet and the backing fabric layer.
4. A burn resistant gaming table cloth as claimed in claim 2 wherein said backing fabric layer is non-woven fabric.
5. A burn resistant gaming table cloth as claimed in claim 2 wherein said backing fabric layer is mounted by needle punched threads to said aluminum sheet.
6. (currently amended) A burn resistant gaming table cloth as claimed in claim 2 including dyeing the ~~composite~~; laminated fabric of said knit layer, the aluminum sheet layer and said backing fabric layer with a background color and imprinting said composite laminated fabric with gaming indicia.
7. (currently amended) A burn resistant gaming table cloth as claimed in claim 2 wherein said knit layer is cured with one from the group consisting of a fire retardant chemical

composition; an oil and water repellant chemical composition; and a fire retardant, oil, water and alcohol repellant and stain resistant chemical composition prior to lamination to said aluminum sheet layer.

8. (currently amended) A burn resistant gaming table cloth as claimed in claim 2 6 wherein said knit layer is cured with one from the group consisting of a fire retardant chemical composition; an oil and water repellant chemical composition; and a fire retardant, oil, water and alcohol repellant and stain resistant chemical composition prior to lamination to said aluminum sheet layer.

9. A burn resistant gaming table cloth as claimed in claim 7 wherein said fire retardant and an oil and water repellant chemical composition is a phosphorus fluorocarbon.

10. A burn resistant gaming table cloth as claimed in claim 2 wherein said adhesive is a latex adhesive.

11. A burn resistant gaming table cloth as claimed in claim 4 wherein said non-woven fabric is a polyester.

12. A burn resistant gaming table cloth as claimed in claim 7 wherein said fire retardant and an oil and water repellant chemical composition is a phosphate ester- fluoropolymer.